



## MINUTES

### PLACER COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS Monday, February 6, 2006

The Board of Directors for the Placer County Flood Control and Water Conservation District met in session beginning at 4:00 P.M., Monday, February 6, 2006 in the Rocklin City Council Chambers, 3970 Rocklin Road, Rocklin, California. Ken Grehm, Executive Director, Brian Keating, District Engineer, Andrew Darrow, Development Coordinator and Brian Wirtz, District Counsel, represented the District.

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#### 1. **INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND ELECTION OFFICERS FOR 2006**

Director Santini confirmed that there will be no changes of Board members representing the District's various member agencies for 2006. Director Santini presented a motion for the current Vice-Chair, Director Kevin Hanley, to serve as Chair for 2006.

MOTION: Santini/Weygandt – Unanimous

After some discussion of Directors who have recently served as Vice-Chair, Director Santini presented a motion for Director Rhonda Morillas to serve as Vice-Chair for 2006.

MOTION: Santini/Rompala – Unanimous

Director Santini suggested the Board consider an annual rotation of Board Officer's be established rather than an annual election, as this would clarify the process and has been successfully implemented on other Boards. Other Directors agreed with this suggestion. Director Santini presented a motion directing staff to prepare a resolution for consideration at the next Board meeting creating an annual rotation of Board Officers.

MOTION: Santini/Roccucci – Unanimous

#### 2. **ROLL CALL**

By roll call Directors present: Weygandt, Roccucci, Santini, Rompala, Hanley and Yorde.

Not Present: Directors Santucci and Morillas

#### 3. **AGENDA APPROVAL**

MOTION: Roccucci/Hanley - Unanimous

#### 4. **APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 12, 2005 MINUTES**

Approved as submitted.

MOTION: Roccucci/Weygandt - Unanimous

#### 5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ken Grehm, the new Executive Director to the District introduced himself to the Board, indicated he looked forward to speaking with and getting to know each of the Directors individually and offered that Directors contact him any time with concerns or issues.

#### 6. **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

A plaque was presented and read to retiring Executive Director Tim Hackworth, thanking him for his five years of service to the District.

#### 7. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

a. Summary of the New Years Eve 2005 flooding event and response efforts.

Brian Keating reported that the New Years Eve 2005 flooding event resulted in significant damages in Placer County and throughout northern California. The County has filed a proclamation of a local disaster with the State Office of Emergency Services requesting funding assistance for 1.9 million dollars of estimated damages. The bulk of these damages were requested by the Tahoe Public Utility District as well as Placer County Water Agency. Brian reported that District staff were instrumental in assisting the County Office of Emergency Services (OES) staff in activating the County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during the early morning hours of December 31, 2005 as flooding was imminent. Staff helped monitor stream level gages, weather forecasts and predicted areas of localized flooding for staff at the EOC. Staff collected field photos, high water survey information and toured major crossings during the peak of the event.

Brian stated that from flow data and high water surveys the storm was sized as an approximate 10-year event in Southwestern Placer County. Staff and consultants working with the City of Lincoln confirmed similar size storm event data for the Cross Canal watershed area. The event was between a 10-year to 25-year event in the Tahoe Basin area. Significant mudslides, road closures and localized flooding occurred in the Tahoe area. Brian presented a slideshow of storm related photographs, some at the peak of the event to the Board. Relatively minor amounts of damage to private residences and personal property were reported throughout the County with the most significant being 4 residential homes and 1 commercial business damaged within the Champion Oaks area of Roseville.

Brian stated that as a follow-up to this event, staff have identified several areas of improvement for future flood response efforts. These include the installation of new stream and rain gages within the upper part of the Cross Canal watershed to assist with flood warning and prediction capabilities. Improved communications between District and member agency staff were noted. Also, we want to expedite production of the countywide GIS based flood hazard mapping as a useful reference tool to District and member agency staff. The flood hazard mapping will include known areas of flooding potential, bridge and culvert crossings, likely road closures, proposed evacuation routes, potential mud slide areas, and critical facilities such as hospitals, schools, nursing homes and emergency communication facilities.

Ken Grehm expressed his appreciation to District staff for their assistance in activating the County EOC in a timely basis, early in the morning and providing critical information to other responders throughout the event. Director Hanley asked how communications are to be improved? Ken Grehm stated that staff will work with OES to define protocols that will help define how and when communications by phone or e-mail should occur during future events.

b. The Directors Handbook has been updated for 2006 and is being distributed to all Board members and appropriate District staff.

Brian stated that this is an item for information letting the Board know that the Directors Handbook has received its annual update and copies (replacement pages) have been distributed to each Board member and appropriate District staff. Brian explained that the handbook includes information about general District functions and procedures, includes Board member contact information, and contains copies of the enabling legislation, relevant interagency agreements, past Board resolutions, previous Board meeting actions and minutes, summaries of watershed plans and the current District workplan. Directors and staff with existing handbooks are asked to remove and replace their handbook binder contents with updated sheets.

c. The District Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has changed its regular meeting date to occur on the first Wednesday of each month. The time and place of the meetings has not changed.

Andy Darrow reported that after 10 years of regularly meeting the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 am within Conference Room A of the County Domes offices, a change of meeting day has

become necessary for the TAC. The change was brought about by the Board of Supervisors use of the conference room for agenda review purposes. At its last meeting the TAC considered several alternate days and locations and has opted to continue to meet at the Domes Conference Room A but on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am. A revised TAC meeting schedule for 2006 has been created and distributed.

## **8. ACTION ITEMS**

Resolution 06-01 adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration (State Clearing House #2006012019) for the Miners Ravine Off-Channel Detention Basin Facility with Exhibits.

Brian Keating explained that before the Board today is a resolution to adopt a mitigated negative declaration with attached findings for the Miners Ravine Off-Channel Detention Basin Facility. Brian reviewed the multi-objective nature and benefits of the project and explained that once this resolution is adopted the project can move forward into the permitting and agency review phases. The mitigated negative declaration (MND) has been prepared in conformance with CEQA requirements by RBF Consulting and their environmental subconsultant Jones and Stokes Inc. Brian reported that the MND has been submitted to the state clearinghouse for public review and comment and that as of 4:00 p.m. today no comments have been received. The District has received two comments from the Department of Fish and Game to which we have prepared a formal written response. Brian reviewed the total 4.8 million dollar estimated cost for the project including land acquisition and reviewed the funding sources for the project, including the Dry Creek Trust Fund (80%) and state grant aid (20%). Brian reviewed the attachments to the MND including the Findings and Mitigation Monitoring Plan (MMP) and reviewed the list of other documents available at the District's office.

The item was next opened to public comment however none was received. Chairman Hanley made a motion for approval of the resolution.

MOTION: Hanley/Rompala - Unanimous

## **9. CLOSED SESSION**

Public Employment (Government Code Section 54957): Brian Wirtz reported that the Board recommends that no action be taken at this time.

## **10. NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is March 13, 2006, at 4:00 p.m. at the Rocklin City Council Chambers.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

District Secretary